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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 13-25, 64-84, 86-89, 93-104, 106-109, and 113-117 are pending. Claims 1, 64 and 83 have been amended to correct minor typographical issues.

I. Nonstatutory-type Double Patenting Rejection

All of the claims have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 5,832,165.

Applicant herewith submits a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 (c) or 1.321(d) to overcome this rejection.

II. Conclusion

In light of the remarks above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No 14-0629.

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